

PUBLIC NOTICE

YOU HAVE A VOICE IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL IN ARIZONA

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has reached a preliminary determination and is proposing to issue Air Quality Control Renewal Permit No. 42862 to Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita, Inc. for the continued operation of a copper mining facility located at 42862, Green Valley, Pima County, Arizona 85622. The mailing address for the facility is P.O. Box 527, Green Valley, AZ 85622-0527. The proposed permit is subject to the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act, Arizona Revised Statute 49-426, and the Arizona Administrative Code, Title 18, Chapter 2, Article 3, 6, 7 and 9. This proposed permit will limit emissions of the following types of air contaminants: nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), particulate matter (PM), particulate matter below 10 micron size (PM₁₀), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

You have an opportunity to submit written comments on the permit and make oral comments on the Permit at the Public Hearing. ADEQ will hold a public hearing on April 9, 2009, at 1:30 PM at the Green Valley Community Library, 601 N. La Canada Dr. #101, Green Valley, AZ 85614. The written comment shall state the name and mailing address of the person, shall be signed by the person, their agent or attorney, and shall clearly set forth reasons why the Permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the Permit meets the criteria for issuance spelled out in the state air pollution control laws or rules.

Materials related to the permit, including the application, ADEQ's analysis and the draft permit are available for your review at ADEQ's office at 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona and at the Sahuarita Town Clerk's Office at 375 West Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, Arizona 85629. You may also view the draft permit and technical support document online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/air/permit/index.html> by selecting Public Notices, Meetings and Hearings.

Persons wishing to submit written comments can do so at the Public Hearing. If mailed, written comments must be received by April 9, 2009. Comments should be directed to: Trevor Baggiore, Air Quality Permits Section Manager, ADEQ, 1110 West Washington Street, 3415A-1, Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2935 or by e-mail at tb4@azdeq.gov.

ADEQ will consider all comments received in making a final decision on the proposed Permit. Everyone commenting will receive notification of the final decision. People who file comments on the Permit will have the right to appeal the final decision as an appealable agency action to the Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH) pursuant to §41.1092.03, and the appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the final decision. The OAH may sustain, modify, or reverse the final decision.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Linda Morrison (602) 771-4793 TDD phone (602) 771-4829. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you would like to receive copies of future Public Notices of Air Pollution Control Permits, please provide a typewritten or a clearly printed copy of your name, address, and ZIP code, to the Air Quality Permits Section Manager at ADEQ's address or e-mail address shown above. Your request should also state that you wish your name to be placed on the Air Quality Permit mailing list.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more information about this Permit, please contact Trevor Baggiore at (602) 771-2321, toll free (800) 234-5677 (Ext. 771-2321), at ADEQ's address shown above or at tb4@azdeq.gov.